

## Letters From the People

### A Weak Reason.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: The statement attributed to Mr. Oakes, President of the Board of Education, at the meeting on Friday night of last week, when the annexation project was sprung, has occasioned more genuine surprise than the annexation bill itself. Mr. Oakes is quoted as saying that one reason why the town should be annexed to Newark was the increasing cost of the schools.

For upwards of a score of years or more Thomas Oakes and Wm. A. Baldwin have been the recognized controlling influence in the Board of Education and the utmost confidence has been reposed in them, and whatever course they have advocated in regard to building, tearing down and rebuilding school houses has been adopted despite the fact that it was patent to all that the adoption of the recommendation covered with it increased cost of maintenance. Several new features of school work in the educational line have been adopted in recent years that have materially added to the cost of the schools, and Mr. Oakes has sanctioned these additions.

It is true that the cost of maintaining the schools has increased annually and will continue to increase as the town grows. The same is true of Belleville, Paterson, Verona and Caldwell and every other place in this county. The only difference between the places mentioned and Bloomfield is that in those places Boards of Education have not permitted the cost of schools to increase out of all proportion to other public expenditures, such as has come about in this town, and partly sanctioned by the people in voting bonds for buildings in accordance with the recommendations of Mr. Oakes, and also in the adoption of so many new features of educational work which the Board of Education could have negated.

Bloomfield is now equipped with a splendid school system and its cost of maintenance figures prominently in the tax rate. But the people have not complained grievously of this cost, but on the contrary have felt a just pride in the schools and have believed that they were getting a full and ample return for every dollar of tax paid for schools.

It is rather humiliating to Bloomfielders to be advised, to vote for annexation to Newark because of the increasing cost of the maintenance of public schools. The increasing cost is due to the maintenance of a superior school system, and it is creditable to the citizens that they have all along been in accord with the maintenance of a superior system.

But Mr. Oakes to the contrary notwithstanding, the Bloomfield school system is economically conducted now as to the per capita cost.

The per capita cost, average, for all cities in the United States is \$34.

The per capita cost last year in Glen Ridge was \$30.

The per capita cost in Bloomfield, 1896-7, was \$28; 1902-3, \$26; 1913-4, \$26. In any comparison of the cost of the schools at the present time with that of past years the large increase in the enrolment must be given consideration.

These figures show the increase:

Year	Per Capita Cost
1896-7	\$28.00
1902-3	\$26.00
1913-4	\$26.00

The total expenditures for the schools, not including bonds and interest in the same year, was as follows:

Year	Total Expenditures
1896-7	\$30,397.33
1902-3	\$41,981.50
1913-4	\$47,427.85
1903	\$60,318.65

The appropriations for school purposes from 1893 to 1901, inclusive, and including bonds and interest, were as follows:

Year	State Appropriation	Local Appropriation
1892	\$11,741.47	\$16,000.00
1895	\$18,349.30	\$1,000.00
1898	\$7,679.46	\$7,000.00
1901	\$19,540.19	\$43,500.00

In the appropriations from 1902 to 1904 bonds and interest are excluded:

Year	State	Local
1902	\$19,137.75	\$41,500.00
1903	\$23,189.65	\$35,500.00
1904	\$4,965.36	\$7,500.00

Statistics as to the average salary paid to teachers show as follows:

Year	Number of Teachers	Average Salary
1895	44	\$551
1898	52	\$554
1902	59	\$570
1903	62	\$569

In 1903 the amount of school bonds outstanding was \$145,000 and the annual interest charge \$5,900. In 1895 the number of children enrolled in the Centre School was 416; in 1903 the enrolment in that school had increased to 579.

By an expenditure of \$34,000 at 4 per cent. interest the per capita was reduced, while the children were given good light, good air, good desks and grammar grade instruction. There was no grammar grade in Centre School until it was rebuilt. The same number of teachers was employed in 1895 as in 1903. The building was an economical proposition, because the number of children per teacher was raised 60 per cent. from twenty-seven to forty-one, by substituting large rooms for small ones.

The salaries of Bloomfield teachers are so low that the schools lose annually more than half of the class-room instructors; last year thirty left out of fifty class teachers. Bloomfield grade teachers' salaries average \$100 less annually than Newark, Orange, East Orange, South Orange and Montclair. There are now only ten teachers here who were here in 1897. Surprised.

### Beware of the Dog.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN: SIR: Last fall Rev. Henry R. Rose, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Newark, took that city as a topic for a pulpit discourse. Here is the picture the clergymen drew of his own city, and the place to which some citizens of this town desire to be annexed:

"Dirty politics," said Mr. Rose, "are politics that throw dirt at clean men; politics that are working for their own pockets all the time; politics that run the errands for the unscrupulous corporations; politics that obey the commands of the conscienceless bosses. Such politics are perilous to a nation. They are cancerous. Once let their poison enter deeply into the body politic and it will decay, agonize, and die."

"Take Newark. Tell me, candidly, is it up to cities as big, as well-to-do and as highly privileged? Can it hold a candle in the way of progressiveness to Detroit, Buffalo, Minneapolis, Cleveland, Toledo or Boston? Look at our streets—dirty. Look at our system of mixing our ashes and garbage—filthy, disease-producing. Why does the Board of Health tolerate such an abominable and anti-hygienic system? Look at our river—breathless germs of smallpox and diphtheria into the lungs of our people with every wave of mist that rolls in from its polluted waters. Look at our school facilities—six hundred children being taught in hired halls because we have no buildings enough; children attending but one session; children who cannot go to all, for lack of accommodations. Examine the sanitary conditions of some of our schools, and then you will wonder no longer that our children are diseased. Take our method of building new houses—we have no ordinance against wooden buildings, and, worse still, we allow land-owners to build so close that they disfigure the streets. Look at our police department—it cannot shut up a dive and keep it shut; it cannot close out these shameless concert halls; we cannot even weed out the debauching penny-in-the-slot machines."

"But worst of all, dirty politics make a debauching city. Vice is smallpox. It catches. The daughters of our best homes are not safe; the sons of our most fashionable streets are in danger; the heads of our most respected houses are in peril. So, too, where there is a low political tone, it lowers the ideals of all who enter politics. Should we have such a horrible state of affairs as our wretched isolation hospital if the politicians of our city were not of such a low caliber? Think of sending our dear little children and our women and men of refinement to such a pest-house to roll and toss in the agonies of one of the most maddening diseases in a pest-house that is not fit for dogs, and all because our officials have not done their sworn duty, have not had the true welfare of this people at heart."

"I tell you, fellow-citizens, you cannot have dirty politics and a satisfactory city at one and the same time. What is the remedy? First, a new civic desire. We must wake up here in Newark and demand good government. Good government implies the jails, the hospitals, the asylums, the courts. It lowers the tax rate. It makes business better. It invites to the city a higher grade of citizens."

"Second, we must have a new order of politicians. Give us politicians whose only life is to the voters' belong the responsibilities; men like Lincoln and McKinley, like Low and Jerome and Roosevelt. Let us educate our best young men to go into politics, and make it an honorable and honored profession. The above is one of the strongest arguments I ever read against the wicked city of Newark, and those who are advocating annexation to that city should not fail to read it. How any professed Christian can advocate such a scheme, after reading the above graphic description of the corruption prevailing in Newark, is past my understanding. For one, I am content to remain in Bloomfield."

The place to see the newest and choicest things in cut glass for Easter gifts is at the glass store of C. Durlin & Sons, 3 and 5 West 19th Street, near Fifth Avenue, New York.—Advt.

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## Spring Humors

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### Complaints of Children.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: Some months ago, perhaps a year, a pamphlet from the "Town Improvement Society," or the "Village Improvement Association," or some such named organization was distributed through this town advocating a great many ways of making one's premises more attractive to the public, such as the abolition of the practice of letting chickens run loose, the cleaning up of yards, taking away rubbish heaps and stopping the practice of throwing ashes and waste water around the kitchen door, etc. These suggestions seemed then, and still more at this time, to be laudable and worthy of large observation.

The "society," however, seemed to exhaust itself in that one effort so far as any further results from it appear, and, without knowledge as to whether it is defect or not, this communication is for the purpose of reviving the question of the usefulness of such efforts, and to ask if they cannot be continued, with something specially urgent towards offenders in these particulars attached to the pamphlet when sent out; as, for instance: "Read, mark, learn and inwardly digest," or "When this you see, remember to follow the within suggestions," or "Please comply with the within hints," etc.

There is a flagrant case of opposition to the society's objects upon a prominent and centrally located corner—a large yard with wood piles, small chicken houses and outbuilding; chickens running loose and trespassing on neighbors, tracking and soiling walks and surrounding lawns and shrubbery, all in a manner calculated to cause the finger of scorn to be pointed at the owner of such an ill-conducted "ranch." Is it not illegal, anyway, to keep chickens in a thickly settled neighborhood? If it is not, it surely ought to be.

Hoping that this will wake up the "society," or "association," or whatever it may call itself, to more intense efforts in the direction of its aims, I am respectfully,

ONE OF THE SUFFERERS,

Bloomfield, N. J., March 15, 1904.

### Patents Issued.

Patents issued to Jerseymen and reported for the CITIZEN by Drake & Co., solicitors of patents, corner Broad and Market streets, Newark, N. J.: Engine, C. F. Chandler, Orange; bed-clothes folder, H. Crocker, Plainfield; battery (four patents), Thos. A. Edison, Orange; typewriting machine, U. G. Galloway, Greenville; brake-shoe, J. D. Gallagher, Glen Ridge; tailor's measure, S. M. Griffin, Summit; automatic brake applying device for railways, A. Meyer, Jersey City; and C. P. Geritz, Englewood; combination bridge and tail piece, E. Resch, Jersey City; easel, J. Weber, Newark. Designs—Children's underwaists, H. W. Co., Newark.

### Telephone Changes.

The New York and New Jersey Telephone Company reports the following telephone changes: 1391, F. T. Camp, 17 Broad street; 120-s, B. F. Wetherby, 165 Franklin street; 152-s, F. G. E. Mohrmann, 75 Newark avenue.

## TAX SALE.

### Public Sale of Real Estate.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a warrant issued by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, and State of New Jersey, bearing date of the 4th day of January, 1904, to make the unpaid taxes assessed on lands, tenements, hereditaments and real estate in said town in the year 1902, the subscriber, Collector of Taxes for said Town of Bloomfield, will on

Tuesday, the 26th day of April, 1904,

at the hour of 2 p. m., at his office in the National Bank Building, in said town, sell the lands, tenements, hereditaments and real estate hereunder described, at public vendue for the shortest term not exceeding thirty years, for which any person or persons will agree to take the same and pay such taxes, with the interest thereon, from the twentieth day of December, A. D., One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two, together with all costs, fees, charges and expenses.

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1	Walter P. Lindsay, McKinley and Llewellyn avenues, 130 ft. lot.	10 15
1	Walter P. Lindsay, Llewellyn avenue, 75 ft. lot.	4 35
1	J. G. Wright, Carteret street, 5 ft. lot.	7 25
1	Emeline Adams, Ashland and Maolis avenues, 400 ft. lot.	62 35
1	Emeline Adams, Ashland avenue, 100 ft. lot.	10 15
1	Emeline Adams, Ashland avenue, house and lot 230 ft.	79 30
1	Emeline Adams, Clinton street, lot 35.	10 15
1	Emeline Adams, Clinton street, lot 12 ft.	13 05
1	Emeline Adams, Maolis avenue, 50 ft. lot.	5 80
1	Emeline Adams, Ashland avenue, house and lot 15 ft.	17 40
1	Emeline Adams, Ashland and Maolis avenues, lots 250 ft.	34 80
1	Robt. McChesney, Morse avenue, 50 ft. lot.	3 90
1	Walter P. Lindsay, Llewellyn and McKinley avenues, lot 25 ft.	5 18
1	Emeline Adams, Maolis avenue, lot 50 ft.	5 80
1	Scholar and Wright, Glenwood avenue, lot 75 ft.	11 00
1	Lawrence E. Blake, Llewellyn and Glenwood avenues, house and lot 25 ft.	30 15
1	Walter P. Lindsay, Llewellyn avenue, lot 100 ft.	8 70
1	Walter P. Lindsay, Llewellyn avenue, house and lot 35 ft.	20 00
1	Walter P. Lindsay, Llewellyn avenue, 100 ft. lot.	8 70
1	J. Bayard Kirkpatrick, Llewellyn avenue, 25 ft. lot.	1 45
1	Walter P. Lindsay, Llewellyn avenue, house and lot 25 ft.	20 00
1	Wm. B. Stagg, rear Dodd street, adjoining E. P. Ward, 35x150 ft. lot.	1 45
1	Augustus A. Lawrence, rear Dodd street, adjoining Stagg, 75x75 ft. lot.	2 90
1	Estate Ann Griffin, rear Dodd street, adjoining Lawrence, 56x25 ft. lot.	7 30
1	Helen Caven, Westcott street, 50 ft. lot.	5 80
1	Ami T. Dodd, Prospect street, 30 ft. lot.	5 80
1	D. Bingham, Westcott street, 30 ft. lot.	2 90
1	John Mayer, Willow street, house and lot 30 ft.	20 30
1	Mrs. Jas. Foster, Willow street, house and lot 40 ft.	25 30
1	Shore & Co., Willow street, lot 140 ft.	34 65
1	Walbridge B. Conroy, Orange street, 2 houses and 50 ft. lot.	36 35
1	John Hyde, Myrtle street, 50 ft. lot.	8 70
1	Joseph Smith, Willow street, house and lot 50 ft.	18 85
1	Ann and Julia Connell, Peloubet street, 50 ft. lot.	7 25
1	John Hyde, Orange street, 2 houses and 40x50 ft. lot.	30 00
1	Estate Thos. K. Archer, Watseong avenue, house and lot 53 ft. lot.	72 50
1	Estate Mrs. Peter Hens, Charles and Cross streets, house and lot 35 ft. lot.	30 30
1	John Batzle, Charles street, lot 161.8 ft. lot.	18 85
1	G. O. Hens, Ella street, house and lot 39.8 ft. lot.	15 95
1	Estate Wm. McKinley, Peloubet street, 50 ft. lot.	14 50
1	E. H. and S. H. Wilde, Myrtle street, 50 ft. lot.	206 80
1	Geo. H. Wilde, Hinchla place, 82x28 ft. lot.	5 80
1	John Ross, Bloomfield avenue and railroad, 25x75 ft. lot.	5 80
1	Elizabeth Kirk, Brookside place, house and lot 65 ft. lot.	18 85
1	Mary A. Bunker, Brookside place, house and lot 50 ft. lot.	33 35
1	Letitia Burnett, Brookside place, house and lot 40 ft. lot.	23 35
1	John Whalen, Brookside place, house and lot 25 ft. lot.	4 35
1	Anna Bush Mac Lear, Brookside place, house and lot 25 ft. lot.	27 19
1	Paul H. Brungs, Brookside place, 50 ft. lot.	5 80
1	Wm. McConchie, Brookside place, house and lot 25 ft. lot.	28 35
1	G. Yarnitzky, Belmont avenue, 25 ft. lot.	4 35
1	Grandison Fields, Thomas street, 40 ft. lot.	4 35
1	Geo. W. Gray, Berkeley avenue, 40 ft. lot.	63 80
1	Wm. B. Riddle, Berkeley avenue, house and lot 100 ft. lot.	37 70
1	Victor Constant, Berkeley avenue and W. Parkway, lot 192x 252 ft.	43 50
1	Victor Constant, Berkeley avenue and W. Parkway, lot 212x 252 ft.	72 50
1	John R. Hardin, Watseong avenue, 3 houses and lots 52 ft. lot.	87 00
1	John R. Hardin, Watseong avenue, lot 650 ft.	60 00
1	Geo. W. Gray, Watseong avenue, lot 300 ft.	20 00
1	Isaac E. Williams, W. and E. Parkway, lot 150x75 ft.	8 70
1	Isaac M. Williams, W. and E. Parkway, lot 30x50 ft.	2 00
1	Isaac M. Williams, W. and E. Parkway, lot 250x150 ft.	1 45
1	Jerome Seacord, W. and E. Parkway, lot 49x50 ft.	8 70
1	Victor Constant, Florence avenue and E. Parkway, lot 49x 300 ft.	20 00
1	Jerome Seacord, Fontaine avenue, lot 65x110 ft.	5 80
1	Geo. W. Gray, E. Parkway and Florence avenue, lot 500x200 ft.	78 30
1	Julia C. Williams, Lexington and Florence avenues, lot 400x 300 ft.	60 00
1	Margaret Hodge, Lexington and Florence avenues, lot 300x200 ft.	60 00
1	Geo. W. Gray, Lexington and Florence avenues, lot 30x30 ft.	73
1	Caroline Rayner, Grace street, lot 35 ft.	4 35
1	Anna R. Richards, Willard place, lot 118 ft.	150 50
1	Granville N. Wick, Franklin street, lot 95x200x200 ft.	37 70
1	Emma Hagedorn, Franklin street, house and lot 128 ft. lot.	162 40
1	Howard Nelson, Berkeley avenue, lot 57 ft. lot.	5 80
1	Anna R. Richards, Willard place, 120 ft. lot.	174 00
1	Chas. Durning, Hill street, house and lot 40 ft.	4 35
1	Anna R. Richards, Hill street, house and lot 65 ft.	52 30
1	E. R. Carhart, Bloomfield avenue and Hill street, house and lot 138 ft. lot.	45 40
1	Estate Michael Maher, Hill street, house and lot 138 ft. lot.	81 75
1	Estate Peter Higgins, Orange street, 50 ft. lot.	10 15
1	John Finerty, Orange street, house and lot 50 ft. lot.	30 30
1	Estate Patrick Dailley, Orange street, house and lot 50 ft. lot.	30 30
1	Matthews Dodd, Lake street and E. Maolis avenue, lot 50 ft. lot.	8 70

33	4	Frank L. O'Brien, Lake street, house and lot 30 ft.	14 50
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